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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace current paragraph 0013 of the application with the following amended paragraph 0013:

[0013] To achieve the above objects, in an image wavelength conversion device according to an embodiment of the present invention as described in claim 1, one end and the other end of each of a multitude of quasi-phase-matching sum frequency generating optical waveguides are aligned in a two-dimensional plane to form an optical waveguide array. Further, one plane of the optical waveguide array forms an incident plane which includes respective waveguides as elements thereof, and the other plane of the optical waveguide array forms an exit plane which includes waveguides corresponding to the waveguides of the incident plane as elements thereof. Furthermore, from an incident light  $(\lambda_1)$  and an excitation light  $(\lambda_2)$  incident to an arbitrary element of the incident plane, an output light  $(\lambda_3)$  is generated in the corresponding waveguide element. The output light  $(\lambda_3)$  has the relationship of  $(\lambda_1)^{-1} + (\lambda_2)^{-1} = (\lambda_3)^{-1}$ , wherein  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$  represent the wavelength of the incident light, the wavelength of the excitation light, and the wavelength of the output light, respectively.

Please replace current paragraph 0014 of the application with the following amended paragraph 0014:

[0014] According to an image wavelength conversion device according to another embodiment of the present invention as described in claim 2, in the device described in claim 1, the incident light is an invisible light ranging from the infrared light to the millimeter wave and the excitation light has a wavelength for making the output light a visible light, and the incident light is most preferably an infrared light of 3.5  $\mu$ m and the excitation light and the output light are 0.8  $\mu$ m and 0.65  $\mu$ m, respectively.

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Please replace current paragraph 0015 of the application with the following amended paragraph 0015:

[0015] According to an image wavelength conversion device according to another embodiment of the present invention as described in claim 3, in the device described in claim 1, the optical waveguide array having a constant opening corresponding to the incident light is arranged in an m x n matrix state, and the mixing for generating the sum frequency is performed in each of the waveguides.

Please replace current paragraph 0016 of the application with the following amended paragraph 0016:

[0016] A method according to <u>another embodiment of</u> the present invention as described in claim [[4]] is a method of manufacturing an image wavelength conversion device. The method includes: a step of preparing a nonlinear optical crystal wafer; a step of forming a polarization-inverted portion on the nonlinear optical crystal wafer with a constant period in a constant direction; a step of preparing optical waveguide elements by separating the nonlinear optical crystal wafer into a multitude of optical waveguides having a constant length in a constant direction; a step of joining the optical waveguide elements, with the optical waveguide elements being optically separated from one another; and a step of forming a collective plane including one end plane of each of the elements into an incident plane, and forming a collective plane including the other end plane of each of the elements into an exit plane.

Please replace current paragraph 0017 of the application with the following amended paragraph 0017:

[0017] An image wavelength conversion device system according to <u>another embodiment of</u> the present invention as described in claim 5 includes: an image wavelength conversion device

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including an incident plane and an exit plane formed by two-dimensionally aligning one end and the other end of each of a multitude of quasi-phase-matching sum frequency generating optical waveguides; an image forming optical system for forming an image (wavelength  $\lambda_1$ ) on the incident plane of the image wavelength conversion device; an excitation light optical system for applying an excitation light (wavelength  $\lambda_2$ ) to the incident plane of the image wavelength conversion device; and image receiving means for receiving an image of a third wavelength (wavelength  $\lambda_3$ ) appeared on the exit plane of the image wavelength conversion device.